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Hugh McClenning's Letter
To Capt Stebens of Deerfield.

Sir,

Upon the repeated and most earnest applications of a number of the people of New York State Officers and privates praying a military assistance to repel a Vermont Insurrection against the subjects of the State of New York & forceable measures by several hundred Vermonters in arms and were there taking thirty or forty of them Prisoners night and day firing upon the people of said State and are really prisoners of War in Prison surrounded by a strong military Guard to keep in the Prisoners who are in the greatest distress. they plunder steal and rob the citizens of the United States of america by orders of y^e Governor contrary to the Resolutions of Congress which you and I are with all the United States bound by the Confederacy to protect them from such war like violence & hostilities. I reccommend it to our officers & soldiers to ride up armed well to Guilford where they are committing those War Hostilities. Mr Phelps will open to you more at large the bearer here of the State of facts which has at large been manifested to me by him and others repeatedly & when we confer with them people of Guilford can better tell what to do in the premises. Guilford people all pray for this to be done for the immediate relief of said prisoners. we are all who go assured of their supporting officers & soldiers & y^e Horses all the time were gone free of any cost or expence by us but all at y^e. expence. I think Gratitude Humanity Christian virtue as well as military force is what we aught to offer them if things are as I am repeatedly informed by those I believe to be of truth and veracity. I trust if you Judge as I do you will exert yourself with me in the premises who are preparing as fast as possible to ingage at Guilford with all of my friends who are disposed to assist them People & Prisoners in Distress. Similar dispatches are also sent to Gen^l Bellows & Col Bellows for their operations therein also. Sir

I am with great Esteem your friend
and most Humble servant at Command.

Hugh McClenning

Sept. 19th 1782.

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Deposition of Joel Bigalow-

Dutchess County. ss.

Joel Bigalow of Guilford in the County of Cumberland in the State of New-York being duly sworn deposeth that on Monday last a number of armed men under the command & direction of Ethan Allen came from the West side of the Green Mountains into several Towns on the East side of the said Mountains and in a hostile and violent manner & fired on and took and carried of prisoners a number of persons Inhabitants of certain Towns on the east side of the Green Mountain & who professed allegiance and subjection to this state of New York. That the said Party so commanded by the said Ethan Allen, consisted as it is reported and as the deponent believes of between two hundred and four hundred men and took and carried off the said Prisoners in order that they the said Prisoners might be proceeded against and punished under an act of the pretended State of Vermont passed in July last and entitled "an Act for the punishment of conspiracies against the Peace Liberty and Independence of this State." That the said prisoners to the number of about twenty as the Deponent was informed and believes were conveyed to and confined in the Goal at Westminister in the said County of Cumberland. That for a day or two previous to the said Irruption the deponent was informed and believes Guards were ~~co~~placed on the ~~confined in~~ several roads leading from the West to the East side of the said Mountains who stopped and detained all Persons going from the West to the East side of the said Mountains to prevent any intelligence being given to the Inhabitants on the east side of the said Mountains of the said Irruption. That the Deponent together with several other Inhabitants of the said Town of Guilford to number of about forty six assembled and determined to defend themselves against the said Party and with that view fired on a detachment being on Horse-back retired some distance and dismounted & in the night marched to attack the Deponent & the others who were so assembled with him. As the Deponent has been informed and believes the said Ethan

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Allen ordered the said detachment when they so marched that they should give no quarter to any persons who should oppose them & that the said Ethan Allen as the deponent has been informed by credible persons who had heard the said Ethan Allen declare "that he would give no quarter to Man Woman, or Child who should oppose him & that he would lay it as desolate as Sodom & Gomarrah". And the deponent further saith that as far as he knows & believe the Inhabitants on the New Hampshire Grants who profess allegiance to this State of New York have not from principle of obedience to the recommendations of Congress in any instance made use of any force or violence to compel such of the Inhabitants on the said District who profess allegiance to the said pretended State of Vermont to renounce their allegiance or to submit to the Government or Authority of this State of New York & that the said Inhabitants who so profess allegiance to this State of New-York have not by an act of force or violence interrupted or prevented the exercise of any authority under the said pretended State of Vermont over such persons as professed allegiance to the said pretended State. And the deponent further saith that when he came from home on Wednesday he understood and believes that there were still on the east side of the said mountains detachments of the said Party and for the purpose of taking more prisoners or otherwise disturbing the public Peace.

Sworn to this 15th day
of September 1782 before me.
Mollaneton Smith
Justice of Peace.

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To the Sheriff of the County Windham or his Deputy Greeting,

Whereas Timothy Church of Brattleborough Timothy Phelps of Marlborough, Henry Evans of Guilford, & William Shattuck of Hartford all of the said County of Windham before the Hon^ble Supreme Court holden by special of the Chief Judge at Westminister in s^d County on the second Wednesday of September Instant 1782 were convicted for that they on the first day of August Inst^t passed with force and arms treacherously & perfidiously did conspire & attempt an invasion, insurrection and public rebellion against this State & were sentenced by said Court to be imprisoned in the common Goal of s^d County until the fourth day of October next & that they be then taken from the s^d common Goal & carried without the limits of this State & that they be then & there forever banished from this State not to return on penalty of death and that all their goods chattles & estates be comited seized & sold as forfeited to the use of this State. These are therefore to command you in the name & by the authority of the freemen of State of Vermont to receive the s^d Timothy Church, Timothy Phelps, Henry Evans & William Shattuck & them closely keep until the s^d fourth day of October next & that you then take the s^d Timothy Church, Timothy Phelps, Henry Evans, & William Shattuck from the s^d Goal & carry them without the limits of this State and that you then and there forever banish the s^d Timothy Church, Timothy Phelps Henry Evans & William Shattuck from the State not to return on penalty of Death hereof fail not to make due return according to law:

William Goulds Clerk.

Dated at Westminister

Sept^r 14^th 1782.

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Dear Col.

Pursuant to a request from my Brigadier Gen.l Wm Allen to me directed to raise in my Brigade two Hundred able effected Men Equipt for War to assist the civil authority in carrying into execution the Laws of the state, you are hereby requested to raise in your Regiment by Draft or Volunteers for the above said purpose One Hundred able bodied men every way equipt for War with three days provision and march them so as to Rendezvous at Landford Annes in Brattleborough on Monday evening next in order to advance to Guilford on Tuesday morning.

Dated at Westminister 13th day of Sept. 1782.

Samuel Fletcher. Brig.r Gen.l

Col. Bradley.

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Governor Clinton. 16th September 1782 Read
Sept 29th 1782. Referred to Mr Middleton Mr
Montgomery. Mr Bland.

The Honble The Delegates of the State of New York in
Congress Poughkepsie Sept 16th 1782.

Gentlemen.

Inclosed I transmit you a deposition giving an account of a violent act of Hostility by the people styling themselves Vermonters on our subjects residing on the New Hampshire Grants and it is my desire that this information may be communicated as soon as possible to Congress as it clearly evinces the necessity of their speedy determining in the dispute relative to our Boundaries or at least of an interfereance so far as to preserve the public peace until a final decision of the controversy. It is undeniably true that the Government of the State and its subjects on the Grants have strictly adhered to the recommendation of Congress in abstaining from the exercise of any authority over persons professing subjection to the pretended State of Vermont & notwithstanding this outrage I have advised our friends still to persevere in the same line of conduct unless their immediate safety should render a resistance by arms necessary & in the mean time should the Vermonters detain the Prisoners that a rescue should be attempted & that if cannot be effected that an equal number of the Vermonters should be taken and sent to this Place to be detained as Hostages for the security of our subjects who are prisoners. From the spirit and determination of the Inhabitants of several Towns on the East side of the Mountains who have resolved to experience every inconvenience rather than swerve from their duty and allegiance to the State until Congress declare the Grants not to be comprehended within our Boundaries. I am induced to believe this will lead to more serious consequences for which however I do not consider either the State or myself responsible— I am with great respect Gentlemen.

Your most obedient Servant. Geo. Clinton.

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Copy of a Commitment of Henry Evans

To the sheriff of the County of Windham or his Deputy—

Greeting.

Whereas Timothy Church of Brattleborough, Timothy Phelps of Marlborough, Henry Evans of Guilford William Shattuck of Halifax all of the said County of Windham before the Hon.ble Supreme Court holden by special order of the Chief Judge at Westminister in s.d County on the second Wednesday of September 1782 were committed for that they on the first day of August last past with force and arms Reacherously and perfidiously did conspire and attempt an invasion, insurrection and public rebellion against this State & were ~~instructed~~ sentenced by s.d Court to be imprisoned in the common Goal of s.d County until the 4th day of October next & that they be then taken from the s.d common Goal & carried without the limits of this State & that they be then & there forever banished from this State not to return on penalty of death & that all their goods Chattles and Estate be condemned seized and sold as forfeited to the use of this State, these are Therefore to command you in the name and by the authority of the Freemen of the Freemen of the State Vermont to receive the s.d Timothy Church, Timothy Phelps, Henry Evans & William Shattuck from the s.d Goal & carry them without the limits of this State & that you then and there forever banish the s.d Timothy Church, Timothy Phelps Henry Evans. William Shattuck from this state not to return on Penalty of Death. here of fail not and make due return according to Law.

William Carle Clark

Dated at Westminister September 16th 1782.

a true Copy of the a Case.

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